Aruban chanteuse Landa Henriquez presents the CD to her successful video "Mujer Cuarenta"

A festive afternoon gathering was held at "M" Bistro in Oranjestad to welcome the release of "Mujar Cuarenta," the CD, on Thursday, July 5. Landa Henriquez, well-known restaurateur and singer released the video clip of her original song last year in Aruba and Miami, and it was back on the charts again this past April. It has seen quite some play and success in the States, and debuted on the Latin/Tropical Billboard at #24. The video was produced in Puerto Rico by noted Latin performer Chichi Peralta. According to Landa, "Mujer 40 is a reflection that, at any age, life can be enjoyed at its fullest, and that no matter when, it is always reason to rejoice when dreams come true."

Now Landa and her husband Raoul have introduced to local CD shops and discos a compilation of eleven performed by Landa, of which she composed nine; two in collaboration with Pepe Gonzalez, and two songs written by Janny Marty. The CD includes her newest video, "Sed De Ti," filmed and recorded entirely in Aruba by Summerstar productions with Landa's son Joezef acting as executive producer, and which was unveiled at Thursday's reception. Jozef studied film at the New York University School of Art. Roberto Thijsen was cinematographer for the video and Goriaka Maal production assistant.

Both "Mujer Cuarenta" and "Sed Di Ti" have a lively tropical beat, as do most of the works on her CD, and are excellent for salsa dancing. Wiliam Aristizabal choreographed the beautiful dance numbers for "Sed Di Ti" and played the part of Landa's "Prince Charming." The entire collection provides many upbeat party music numbers interspersed with two romantic ballads. The CD is available at local discos, or by contacting Summerstar Productions at telephone #583-2929.

Raoul and Landa take pride in her success and how her music and videos showcase her home island of Aruba. Landa dedicated her new collection to her three children, Joe, Mark and Adriana, and is very excited about this turn in her life, and blossoming new career, which is a message interwoven in many of lyrics. The concept of "Mujer Cuarenta" (Woman of Forty) is that one is never too old to have an exciting life, and realize their dreams. Congratulations to Landa on the issue of her new CD!